OH! SORRY, SWIFT!

THORN BRACKEN.

WE THOUGHT WE WOULD CHECK ON YOU.

CHAPTER 7

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW NEST?

IT'S AMAZING. I JUST WISH BRIGHT GOT THIS KIND OF TREATMENT.

LOSTFACE SLEEPS IN THE WARRIOR'S DEN.

SHE IS CONSIDERED A WARRIOR...

THAT'S NOT HER NAME.

SHE AND CINDER TOLD US TO CHECK ON YOU.

WHAT? WHY?

SWIFT, YOU HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN THE SAME SINCE YOUR ...ATTACK.

CINDER TOLD US ABOUT YOUR LEG.

IT LOOKS EVEN WORSE TODAY.

WHAT HAPPENED?

...I WENT FOR A WALK.

I CAN'T STAND BEING IN ONE PLACE, YOU KNOW?

BUT SWIFT...

YOU COULD DIE.

YOU DON'T CARE.

KIND OF HARD TO, IN THIS STATE.

I'M SORRY.

I WISH I COULD BE MORE POSITIVE.

BRIGHT GOT HURT WORSE THAN I DID, AND IT'S MY FAULT.

I DID THIS.

I DON'T DESERVE...

HEY, IT'S ALRIGHT, WE UNDERSTAND.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU, SWIFT.

YOU MAY BE OUR COUSIN, BUT SO FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE OUR BROTHER.

AGREED.

AND I'M SURE CINDER AND BRI--

I MEAN, LOSTFACE

FEEL THE SAME WAY.

SOMEONE IN STARCLAN IS REALLY WATCHING OVER YOU.

WE'LL LET THE OTHERS KNOW YOU'RE OKAY.

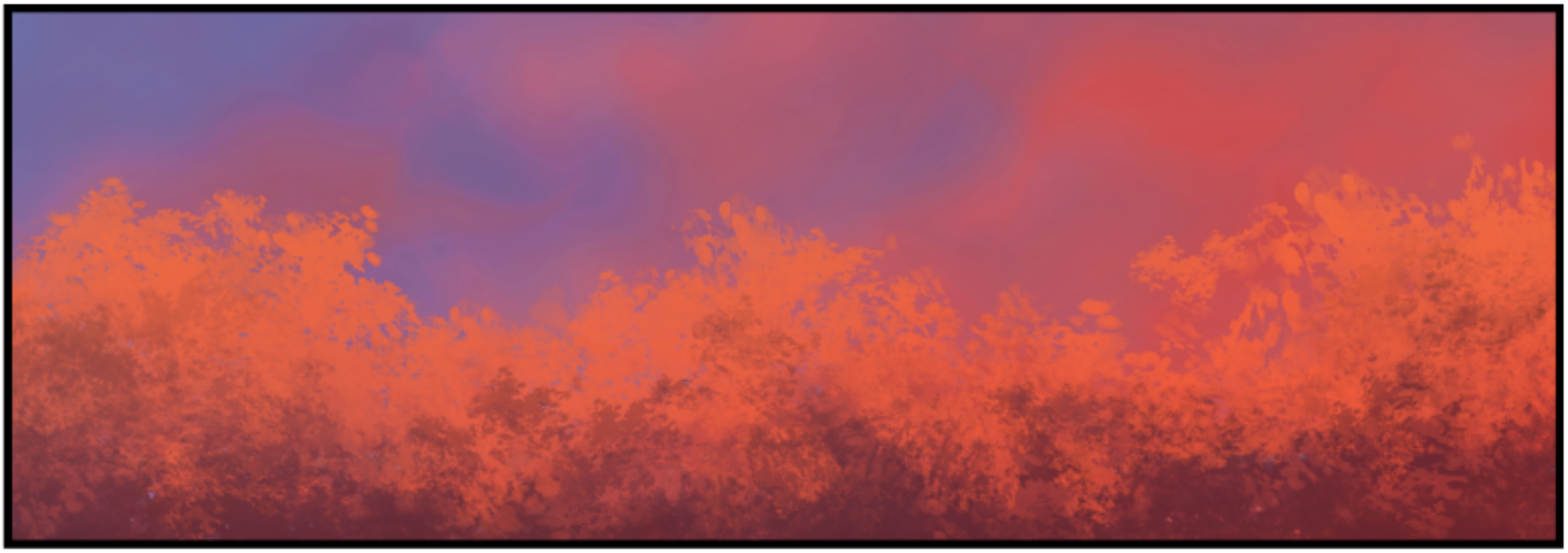
WE'RE JUST GLAD YOU'RE BOTH STILL WITH US.

YOU'RE FAMILY.

I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PROTECT YOU, BROTHER.

EVEN FROM YOURSELF.

FAMILY, HUH?



NO!!

SNOWKIT, WAIT!

STAY BACK!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

SWIFT!

WHY?

WHY HER?

BRINDLEFACE NEVER DID ANYTHING WRONG!

SHE DIDN'T DESERVE THIS!

I'LL FLAY TIGERSTAR!

I'LL LEAVE HIS BONES TO ROT IN THE SUN!

CATS OF THUNDERCLAN!

TIGERSTAR HAS BEEN FEEDING A PACK OF DOGS LIVING AT SNAKEROCKS.

AND HE HAS LAID A TRAIL OF DEAD RABBITS LEADING RIGHT TO CAMP.

YOU KNOW WHAT LAY AT THE END OF THAT TRAIL.

WE HAVE TRIED TO BREAK THE TRAIL, BUT THE RABBITS HAVE LAIN THERE ALL NIGHT

AND THE PACK WILL FOLLOW THE SCENT THEY LEFT BEHIND.

WE MUST ALL LEAVE!

ELDERS, KITS,

EVERYONE.

IF THE DOGS COME, THEY MUST NOT FIND US HERE.

WE WILL GO TO SUNNINGROCKS.

ONCE YOU'RE THERE, CLIMB THE TALLEST TREES YOU CAN FIND.

IF THE DOGS FOLLOW YOU, THEY'LL THINK THEY LOST THE SCENT ON THE ROCKS AND THEY WON'T LOOK FOR YOU.

YOU'LL MAKE IT.

...YOU HAVE TO.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THE PACK?

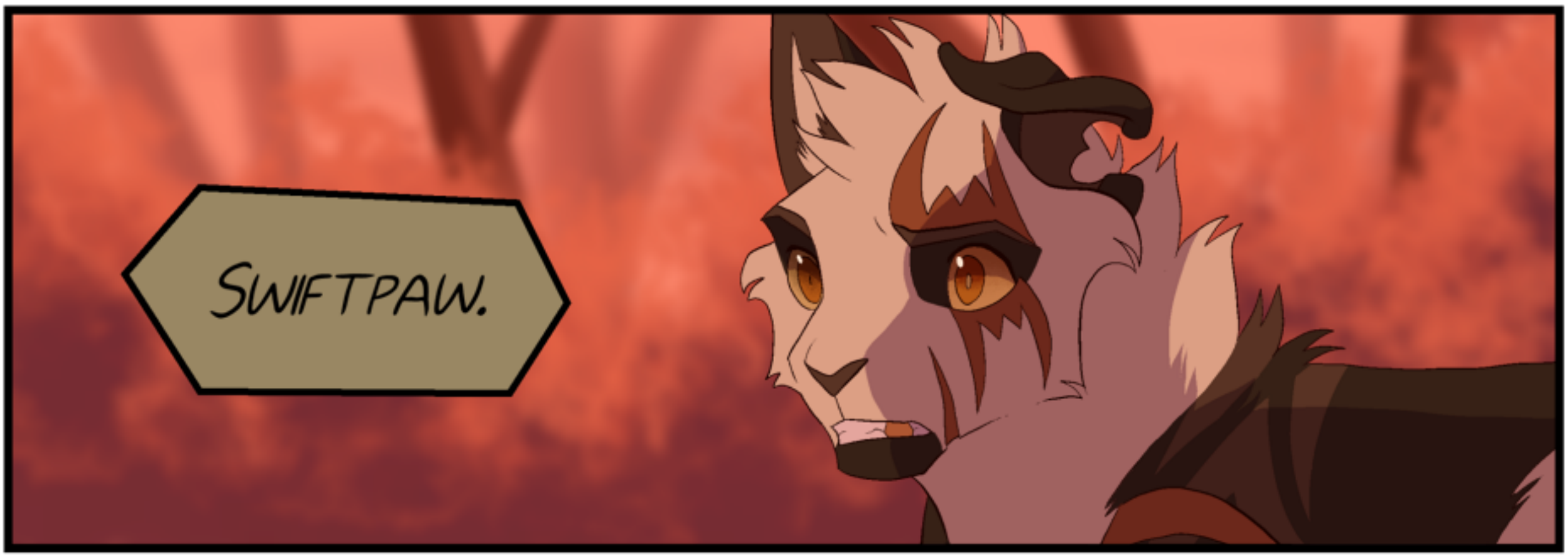
WE STEAL THE TRAIL!
TIGERSTAR WANTS TO LEAD THE DOGS RIGHT TO OUR CAMP.
FINE. WE'LL LET HIM DO THAT.
AND WHEN THEY ARRIVE, WE'LL BE WAITING--
TO TAKE THEM TO THE GORGE.

WE'LL NEED TO LEAD THE DOGS OVER THE EDGE.

I'LL NEED MY FASTEST WARRIORS.

THE REST OF YOU, GET READY TO MOVE OUT!

COME ON. I'LL HELP YOU.


SWIFTPAW.

WHAT....

NO.

I'M NOT LETTING
YOU KIDNAP MY SIBLINGS.

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN TAKE ON THE PACK?

YOU'LL ALL BE SLAUGHTERED.

I'M TAKING YOU TO TIGERSTAR-

NO.

WE WILL LIVE AND DIE WITH OUR CLAN, DARKSTRIPE.

A TRUE WARRIOR IS LOYAL TO THE END.

NOT THAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF THAT.

...SWIFT?

ARE WE GOING TO DIE?

GO FIND MOM.
SHE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.